



YOUTH BASKETBALL VOLUNTEER COACHES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much is the program?

Our league fee is \$69.00 - Volunteer coaches will receive a full refund upon returning the equipment at the end of the season.

How do I register for the program?

Flyers are given out to the Torrance elementary and middle schools. You can register for our youth sports league online, by phone, mail, fax, or walking in the permission slip to the Community Services Department. Please note that there are deadlines for each form of registering. Volunteer coaches should register their children as soon as possible.

How do I become a volunteer coach?

Sign up by filling out the coach's application at:

www.TorranceCA.Gov/VolunteerProgram.htm.

After you sign up you will need to visit the Human Resources Department at 3231 Torrance Blvd. to pick up a fingerprint card. Volunteer coaches must be fingerprinted annually.

How many kids are on a team?

There are 10 players maximum permitted per team and five players on the court at a time.

How do you break down the teams and what are the age groups?

Basketball is not a co-ed sport. Teams are separated by grade level, then by school, or geographic location. If there are not enough players from your school, they will be combined with a neighboring school that is also short of players. There are nine divisions. The Divisions are set by grade. For example, Division K consists of kindergarteners; Division 1 consists of first graders; etc.

Can I request a specific child to be on my team?

We do not accept requests.

How do I bring in a team for the Open League?

This Open league is designed for Boys grade 6, 7 and 8. We ONLY accept brought in teams for this highly competitive league. All players must attend the same school or live in the same geographical area. The coach must submit a list of players to the youth sports office no later than November 21, 2016.

When and where are practices? You set up your practice schedule based upon your availability at a local park or school. Practices must be scheduled through the Youth Sports Office. Due to the limited availability of Indoor and lighted facilities, a lottery will be held at the coaches meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the Toyota Auto Museum.

How many practices are there per week?

Practices should be held once or twice a week for at least an hour. Coaches should have a parent meeting at the first practice and collect emergency forms for each child which you will keep with you at all practices and games.

When and where are games played?

Games will be held on Saturdays at either the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park, 2400 Jefferson Street, or at a local Torrance high school, with the exception of Division 8, which will play either Monday or Thursday evening at the Dee Hardison Sports Center.

Game times may vary. Schedules will be posted on the website at the beginning of the season.

How long is the program and how many games are there?

The program is eight to ten weeks long and there are eight games.

What does my team wear?

Participants will wear the City of Torrance uniform shirt and appropriate athletic footwear. You will meet with the parents to determine the rest of the uniform.

Is it necessary to have basketball experience?

No, but it helps. You will need to teach the basic rules, strategies and skills involved, and also encourage good sportsmanship and fair play. Our goal is to help provide an opportunity for children to play in an organized recreational Youth Sports League.

The City of Torrance will offer a youth basketball coaches clinic.

If I have more questions, who do I contact?

If you have any further questions, you can contact the Youth Sports Office by phone 310/781-7517, or by email at youthsports@TorranceCA.Gov.

